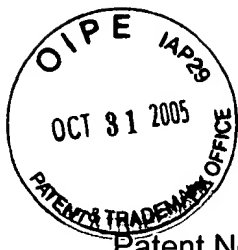


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Title: Stabilising Thermally Beneficiated  
Carbonaceous Material  
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Sir:

This is in response to the USPTO communication dated August 3, 2005 denying the Request for Certificate of Correction submitted on July 11, 2005.

On December 20, 1999, Applicant's attorney filed a Preliminary Amendment (copy attached) amending Claim 11 to read as follows:

"The method defined in claim 6 [comprises] further comprising controlling the temperature of the heat transfer surfaces relative to [the] a preferred oxidation temperature of the carbonaceous material to maintain a small gradient across the bed."

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The phrase "**of the carbonaceous material**" is omitted in the printed patent; however, the remaining amendments requested in the preliminary amendment were included in the printed patent. Applicant has no reason to believe that the preliminary amendment submitted on December 20, 1999 was entered in part.

Also attached is the return postcard acknowledging receipt of the preliminary amendment.

**CONCLUSION**

Reconsideration of the request for the issuance of a Certificate of Correction is respectfully requested.

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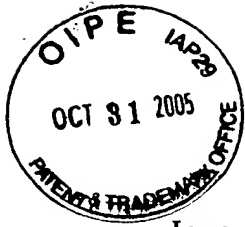
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**PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT**

For: STABILISING THERMALLY BENEFICIATED )  
CARBONACEOUS MATERIAL )

Attorney Docket No.: 2245-000046 )

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the captioned application, please amend the application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 6, 11, 13 and 17, as follows:

6. (Amended) The method defined in [anyone of the preceding claims comprises] claim 1 further comprising removing heat from the packed bed in step (d) by means of circulating a working fluid through the packed bed and a coolant circuit which includes heat transfer surfaces in the packed bed.

11. (Amended) The method defined in claim 6 [comprises] further comprising controlling the temperature of the heat transfer surfaces relative to [the] a preferred oxidation temperature of the carbonaceous material to maintain a small gradient across the bed.

13. (Amended) The method defined in [any one of claims 6, 11 and 12 comprises] claim 6 further comprising controlling the temperature of the working fluid to be greater than [the] a wall temperature of the internal heat transfer surfaces and less than that of the carbonaceous material.

17. (Amended) The method defined in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 further [comprises] comprising pressurizing the packed bed with an externally supplied gas to a pressure of less than 20 bar.

**Please add the following new claims:**

18. (New) The method defined in claim 11 further comprising controlling the temperature of the working fluid to be greater than a wall temperature of the internal heat transfer surfaces and less than that of the carbonaceous material.

19. (New) The method defined in claim 12 further comprising controlling the temperature of the working fluid to be greater than a wall temperature of the internal heat transfer surfaces and less than that of the carbonaceous material.

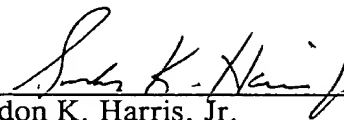
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his preliminary amendment removes all multiple dependencies from the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

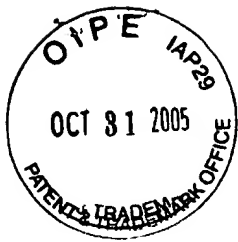
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